From: Nancy Gold
To: Devereux, Jan
Subject: Re: Hewlett-Packard Issue
Date: Sunday, April 22, 2018 11:58:54 AM

Thank you for your reply, Jan.

Nancy

> On Apr 22, 2018, at 7:37 AM, Devereux, Jan <jdevereux@cambridgema.gov> wrote:
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> Nancy,
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> There's been a good deal of misinformation about a boycott resolution from both sides. It's not before the Council for a vote and I doubt it will be.
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> Jan
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> Jan Devereux
> Vice Mayor
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> **From:** Nancy Gold <moo.moo@comcast.net>
> **Sent:** Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:58:35 AM
> **To:** Devereux, Jan
> **Subject:** Hewlett-Packard Issue
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> Dear Vice Mayor Devereux,
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> I have been proud to be a Cambridge resident for exactly 20 years, since Cambridge is clearly a city that cares about human rights. As you know, sometime in the next couple of weeks, the City Council will be taking up the issue of Hewlett-Packard. You will see me testifying at that meeting because I feel very strongly about this issue, being Jewish and having visited the West Bank of Palestine in 2014.
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> Today I am incensed at the content of a mass mailing, which I assume all Cambridge residents are getting, phrased in such a way as to make people who are unfamiliar with the issue believe that BDS is bad. It urges people to call the City Council and "tell [the City Councilors] to *reject hate*." The fact is that Palestinians are suffering every day and that BDS is one of the few non-violent methods of protest against the daily life of cruelties under the Israeli occupation. And one more detail about the mass mailing: residents are told to "contact *our* City Council." "*Our*" City Council! But the mailing comes from a Los Angeles lobbying group, Israeli-American Coalition for Action, which in 2017 spent over half a million dollars on its lobbying activities.
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> As you probably know, Cambridge was in the vanguard of using consumer boycott against South African apartheid when in 1970 a boycott was organized against Polaroid, which profited from the passbooks that black South Africans were forced to show at checkpoints.
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> I urge you to please vote your conscience and progressive values when this issue comes to a vote and vote for justice and reject a politically expedient vote. It's really very simple: Cambridge should not buy products from companies that support oppression.
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> Sincerely,
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> Nancy Gold
> 938 Massachusetts Ave.

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